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PURCHASE ORDERS FOR SU-30K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electronic warfare system of SU-30K aircraft are unsuitable to Indian environment and the radar performance is below expectations and yet the Air Force has placed orders for the purchase of SU-30K aircraft; and

(b) if so, the logic behind purchasing such aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The performance of Electronic Warfare Systems as well as, Radar of SU-30K aircraft has been satisfactory.SU-30K was inducted as an interim arrangement and its upgraded version SU-30 MKI aircraft would be configured with superior Electronic Warfare Systems and Radar. The 18 SU-30K that have been inducted will also eventually be upgraded to MK-I standard.